

## ELA TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING OF JUNE 14,2001

The Ela Township Board met on Thursday, June 14, 2001, at the Ela Township Senior Center located at the Foglia YMCA at 7:00 PM. The following official business was transacted during the regular scheduled Township Board Meeting.

Supervisor Tinerella called the meeting to order at 7:58 and led those in attendance in the pledge of Allegiance.

### **3.0 ROLL CALL**

Present: Supervisor Tinerella, Clerk Prouty, Trustees Black ,Burch, and Knudtson. Trustee Sullivan late.

### **ELECTED OFFICIALS:**

Highway Commissioner Kruckenberg. Assessor Hoffman late.

OTHERS PRESENT: Sue Neuschel, Ela Township Senior Director.27 seniors from the Ela Township Senior Social Club. Richard Johnson and Thomas Tinerella of Echo Lake Kevin Auft of Forest Lake. Also present, Ela Township Highway employee Todd Holland and wife Patty. And reporter Andy Robeznieks of the Daily Herald.

### **3.1 MINUTES:**

Trustee Burch moved, Knudtson seconded, the motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2001. With corrections of Sue Neuschel name being spelt wrong and road permits with a cashier's check not a cash bond. All in favor and the motion carried.

### **4.0 APPROVAL OF TOWNSHIP EXPENDITURES (5/IS-6/14/01)**

GENERAL TOWN FUND:	\$162,724.56-approved full amount
GENERAL ASSISTANCE FUND:	0
GENERAL ROAD FUND:	\$33,304.58-approved full amount
PERMANENT ROAD FUND:	\$17,066.16-approved full amount
PARK MAINTENANCE FUND:	\$2,078.49-approved full amount

TOTAL 215,173.79

Trustee Black moved Trustee Burch seconded the motion to approve payment for all bills presented motion carried.

## **5.0 OLD BUSINESS:**

### **5.a TOWNSHIP LANDSCAPE CONTRACT.**

Bids are to be opened June 15th at the Township Office – Contract for the remainder of this year will be awarded to the lowest, capable bidder in July.

### **5.b ELA SOCCER FIELD PARKING LOT EXPANSION.**

Supervisor Tinerella met with a Civil engineer, Ralph Schmidt to discuss the layout options and budgetary costs for adding 36 parking spaces to the existing lot. Schmidt indicated the price-tag could be well over \$100,000 because of the slope of the land - we would need to cut into a hill and place a retaining wall around the two outside edges to construct an area that's flat and sufficient for 36 spaces. We even looked at re-positioning the soccer playing field - but that option too would require grading/filling operations and also relocating drain tile.

The ideal situation would be to allow more time in between games - but as we understand it - this is a slim possibility - as the Coaches are paid by the hour and want to get as many games in as possible each day.

Subsequently, we are considering allowing cars to park in the Township Highway Department lot - and constructing a walkway from this lot to the soccer field lot alongside the fence - so there would be no need to walk in the street. Todd Holland, Ela Township Highway Dept. employee will provide a layout diagram at our next meeting so we may determine the # of spaces would could safely accommodate in this area -since our buses and highway trucks are not used on weekends - this seems to be the most cost-effective and immediate solution to meet our overflow parking needs.

### **5.c FUNDING REQUESTS**

#### **1. Lake Zurich Senior Citizen's Club (a.k.a. Ela Township Senior Social Club) \$4,000**

The Lake Zurich Senior Citizen's Club will change their name to Ela Township Senior Social Club as requested by Ela Township - it is felt by most all that this new name better identifies who they are, what they do and their close ties to Ela Township. Supervisor Tinerella moved and Trustee Burch seconded the motion to fund the Ela Township Senior Social Club in the amount of \$4,000 (money used to subsidize the costs of monthly trips to local establishments), continue allowing their organization to use the Ela. Township Senior Center Room at the YMCA every Wednesday all year long, and to supply 5 dozen sweet rolls each Wednesday. There are currently 89 members in this Senior Club and the groups meets monthly -therefore, the \$4,000 in funding equates to \$44.94 for each member/annually.

Trustee Burch stated that he needs Grandparents for Kids-plus he has program in which calls are made to shut ins to check on them. Trustee Knudtson encourages seniors to think about leaving monetary donations to the club in their wills.

#### **2. Bear Boosters-Post Prom-Odyssev - \$2,500**

Supervisor Tinerella moved to pay the full amount of \$2500.00 to the Bear Boosters -Post-Prom event on the Odyssey. Over 600 students were to participate - total cost being \$32,887. Ela Township's cost per person based on \$2,500 of funding equals \$4.16 each. Seconded by Trustee Black and the motion carried.

### **3. Ela Historical Society-\$3500.00**

Gloria Heramb, President of the Ela Historical Society, has requested \$3,500 to have custom cabinets built for the first floor of 99 E. Main. Trustee Burch made a motion to grant the \$3500 - but to have the Eagle Scouts provide the labor for remodeling the first floor (take down one wall, replace carpet and paint walls) and use the \$3,500 for the materials. Trustee Knudtson seconded motion carried. The goal is to have the first floor completed and occupied in time for the Holiday Season.

### **4. Countryside Association- \$15,600.**

Supervisor Tinerella provided a brief summary of the history and services provided by this organization. Based on the number of Ela Resident's served (over 31) and the daily service provided - Trustee Knudtson moved to grant the full amount of\$ 15,600 to Countryside Association-seconded by Trustee Sullivan -motion carried. The projected costs of Countryside to provide services for the Ela residents is \$334,124, of which they are asking \$15,600 from the Township. Our residents are typically there on a daily basis. By funding \$15,600 this equates to \$503 per resident/per year -

### **5. YMCA Scholarships. \$10,000**

Gil Fonger, new Executive Director of the YMCA, gave a short overview of the YMCA's current membership base and programs offered. He explained the Y has a plan to provide scholarships for needy persons - Total Goal is to raise \$60,000 -. Last year Ela Township funded \$5,000 in this program and the YMCA gave scholarships to 22 Ela residents totaling \$34,560 - the average received per person was \$1,570 with the low end being \$630 and the high end being \$6,950!

A rather lengthy discussion followed about the history of the YMCA, the township's \$1,500,000 "donation", the lost of ELA in the Y's name, etc. etc. A motion was made by Trustee Sullivan to grant \$5000 with no second. Trustee Knudtson made a motion for the YMCA/Gil Fonger to come up with some other creative ideas about how the township and Y could work together to bring services and/or a program for MORE Ela residents - maybe an Ice Cream Social under the new pavilion? Motion seconded by Trustee Black and the motion carried.

## **6.0 NEW BUSINESS:**

### **6.a Ela Township Signage**

We need to design, produce and install signs at both of our township parks - Knox and Knigge - and at our Senior Center at the YMCA. Additionally, we need to update the signs at our township buildings on Main Street. Supervisor Tinerella will work on the designs and present proposals with pricing at the next Board Meeting.

### **6.b Ela Township Newsletter:**

Plans are to have our first new newsletter mailed in mid-August - Currently Supervisor Tinerella is reviewing the format and content of other township's newsletters. She will obtain pricing for the top two preferred formats and present at the next Board Meeting.

### **6.c Ela Township Park:**

Supervisor Tinerella met with the two key user's of both parks (Flames at Knox and LZSO at Knigge) to discuss their needs, usage, and ideas for improvements. A master plan is underway to address the scope of these projects and associated costs- it will be presented at the July Board Meeting. We would like to get most of the work done this year - and some things (such as fencing around the tennis courts) needs to be done asap as they are unsafe.

#### **6.d Ela Township Social Events:**

Plans are to have at least one Township-wide social event for ALL residents-perhaps an ice cream social or a pumpkin carving festival! All Broad Members were in favor of planning an activity for calendar year

2001. Trustee Black was given the action item to outline the scope of one such event for this coming year.

### **7.0 REPORTS:**

#### **A. ASSESSOR'S REPORT:**

Assessor's office is currently working on making sure the information that rolled over between the Oasis cost system and the new ProVal cost system is correct. It doesn't look like we will be able to use the new system this year. The support we are receiving from the county is great. The ProVal system needed updating and rewritten to fit the needs of the Lake County Assessors. Am sending employee Terry and Debby for training in Crystal reporting-the ability to go into and write our reports.

#### **B. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:**

Shouldering ditches and the weather has not been cooperating. Prevailing Wage Ordinance-2001-01 Road and Prevailing Wage Ordinance-2001-02 Town. Supervisor Tinerella moved to pass the Ordinances – seconded by Trustee Black. Motion carried.

#### **C. CLERK'S REPORT:**

Been busy working on Bids and Ordinances. Plus working with Sue Neuschel (our Senior director) on a "55 Plus" golf outing to be held later in July.

### **8.0 AUDIENCE REMARKS:**

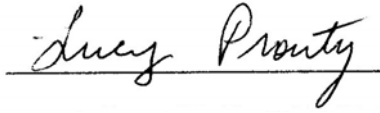
Richard Johnson of Echo Lake wanted to know if he had to have two building permits to put in a driveway? Bill Kruckenberg (highway commissioner) said no - all you need is a cashier check, and one permit. He also talked about a pipe in the ground by his house that he has been mowing around. Our Highway Commissioner said he would check on that plus the stream of water, which could come from a septic. Richard Johnson inquired about the roads in Echo Lake and the Highway Commissioner stated that he has engineers studying them.

### **9.0 MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LITIGATION AND BUS SYSTEM STAFFING.**

At 10:30 a motion to go into executive session was made by Trustee Burch-seconded by Supervisor Tinerella all in favor and the motion carried. At 11:57 a motion to come out of executive session was made by Trustee Knudtson and seconded by Trustee Black

**10. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING:**

At 12:00 o'clock a.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Trustee Sullivan and seconded by Trustee Burch – all in favor and the motion carried.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lucy Prouty", is written over a horizontal line.

Lucy Prouty Ela Township Clerk.

(pay out vouchers and audited bills are on file at the Township Offices) s